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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EB Docket No. 04-296
Emergency Alert Systems
EX PARTE

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 15, 2006 on behalf of Cingular Wireless LLC, (“Cingular”) Brian Fontes, Vice President, Federal Relations and Jim Bugel, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs and National Security Policy met with Bruce Gottleib, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps. In this meeting, Cingular discussed the issues in the above referenced proceeding. The discussion was consistent with Cingular’s comments and reply comments which were filed on January 24th and February 23, 2006 respectively.

Cingular emphasized that service requirements must be defined before long-term technology choices can be made. Cingular recommended that the Commission initiate a joint government and industry effort for the definition and architecture of the wireless component of the emergency alert service. Specifications for a wireless component to the emergency alert service need to be developed first, followed by the development and testing of solutions and then deployment. Cingular understands the importance of providing emergency alerts, as well as the need for an efficient comprehensive emergency alert service. Cingular welcomes the opportunity to work in partnership with industry and government in the development and deployment of emergency alert capabilities.

If you have any question concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

Brian F. Fontes
Vice President, Federal Relations
Cingular Wireless

Cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Bruce Gottlieb

